Attorney Docket No. SIB-001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Giuseppe CAPUTO : Confirmation No: 5913
Serial No.: 10/568,159 : Group Art Unit: 1626

Filed: Feb 13, 2006 : Examiner: CHU, Yong Liang

CYANIN-TYPE COMPOUNDS HAVING AN ALKYNYL LINKER ARM

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

WITH PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

VIA EFS WEB

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 29, 2009, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. It is believed that the amendments and response represent a complete response to the rejection and place the application into condition for allowance.

Applicant petitions for a three (3) month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for filing the attached Response. The required fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) is attached hereto.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.